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SUBJECT: PM PDAS COUNTRYMAN TALKS PIRACY WITH EGYPTIAN  
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Classified ByMinister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Donald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Key Points: -- The Government of Egypt (GoE) stressed it values cooperation with the USG on piracy and Somalia. Egypt is anxious to imple
- 2.(C) Comment: The GoE is beginning to understand USG ideas on the division of labor between the two Somalia contact groups, but would like to
- 3.(C) PM PDAS Countryman met in separate meetings on August 2 with Ambassador Abdelhammed Marzouk, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for East a
- 4.(C) Marzouk said the GoE values cooperation with the USG on piracy and Somalia. He had recommended increasing U.S.-Egyptian cooperation by se
- 5.(C) Countryman stated 20 countries are currently participating in joint anti-piracy naval operations. However, he recognized Egypt's small Re
- 6.(C) Countryman advocated for prosecution of pirates by affected countries and said if Egypt were one of the first to accept, detain, and pros
- 7.(C) Mohsen said the idea of local Egyptian prosecution was a "non-starter." He claimed the international court was his idea and opined that t
- 8.(C) Countryman explained the USG is committed to the long-term stabilization of Somalia, but feels piracy can be effectively addressed in the
- 9.(C) Marzouk noted that the U.S. was working separately with the local governments in Somaliland and Puntland, and he asked if the U.S. suppor
- 10.(U) PDAS Countryman cleared this cable. SCOBEX